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SUBJ: TANZANIA CRITICIZES CONDITIONS NIGERIA PLACES ON

SALE OF LOWERPRICED CRUDE

1. GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS MARCH 2 REPORTS MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (CHAGULA), UPON RETURN FROM NAIROBI ECA MEETING, CRITICIZING NIGERIAN PLAN TO SUPPLY CRUDE AT LOWER PRICES TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES. HE EXPLAINED THAT NIGERIANS INSIST THAT QUALIFYING COUNTRY MUST HAVE ITS OWN REFINERY AND LOWERPRICED CRUDE MUST BE SOLELY FOR ITS OWN LOCAL CONSUMPTION. MINISTET NOTED THAT WHILE TANZANIA HAS ITS OWN REFINERY, PART OF ITS OUTPUT IS SHIPPED TO EASTERN ZAIRE AND BURUNDI WHILE KENYAN REFINERY PROVIDES POL TO NORTHERN TANZANIA. CHAGULA SUGGESTED THAT FOR TANZANIA TO COMPLY WITH NIGERIAN REQUIREMENT IT WOULD MEAN SCRAPPING PRESENT WORKABLE POL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND "REQUIRE US TO STOP SUPPLYING OIL

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TO OUR NEIGHBORS."

2. CHAGULA ALSO VOICED ACCEPTANCE OF ARAB CONTENTION THAT ONLY 2.5 PERCENT OF PRESENT INFLATIONARY TREND COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO HIGHER OIL PRICES. MINISTER REVIEWED USUAL TANZANIAN LITANY THAT INFLATION IS CAUSED BY HIGH PRICES OF "CAPITALIST COUNTRIES."

3. DAILY NEWS OF MARCH 3, IN EDITORIAL ON NIGERIAN CRUDE SALE OFFER, CALLED IT MADE IN "THE TRUE PAN-AFRICAN SPIRIT WHICH MUST BE EXERCISED BY ALL WHO BELIEVE IN AFRICAN LIBERATION, UNITY OF THE CONTINENT, ITS PROGRESS AND THE WELL BEING OF ITS PEOPLE." IT CALLED NIGERIAN CONDITIONS "UNDERSTANDABLE" IN THAT "IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE FOR SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO CHEAPER OIL FROM NIGERIA ONLY TO RESELL IT TO THE CONTINENT'S ENEMIES." NEVER-THELESS, EDITORIAL NOTES "OVER PAST DECADE....BETRAYALS ARE THE EXCEPTION RATHER THAN THE RULE IN AFRICA. WE IN AFRICA CANNOT THEREFORE DEAL WITH ONE ANOTHER ON THE BASIS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE BETRAYALS. (THUS)....IT IS WITH THE DEEPEST SENSE OF PAN-AFRICANISM....THAT WE WOULD APPEAL TO OUR NIGERIAN BROTHERS TO RECONSIDER THEIR CONDITIONS AND MODIFY THEM TO BENEFIT A GREATER PART OF OUR CONTINENT."
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